

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to provide permanent public access to the GAO Reports and GAO Comptroller General Decisions databases that are available on the GAO Web site.

The GAO Reports database contains reports on audits, surveys, investigations, and evaluations of Federal programs conducted by GAO. The content in this database dates back to 1970 and earlier. The Comptroller General Decisions database contains decisions and opinions issued by the Comptroller General in areas of Federal law such as appropriations, bid protests, and Federal agency rulemaking. It also contains historic material dating back to 1970. GAO is actively working on digitizing its legacy collection so historic material will continue to be added to the two databases.

The content contained in the GAO Reports and Comptroller General Decisions databases is currently duplicated on GPO Access. With a partnership to ensure permanent public access to the content on the GAO Web site, this duplication is no longer necessary. GPO will maintain archives of both databases as they were at the time the agreement was signed, but no new content will be added to the GPO Access versions of these databases. This agreement will eliminate duplication of effort on these databases, as well as minimizing version control issues. Under the partnership agreement, if for any reason GAO is not able to provide access to these materials, GPO will resume the responsibility.

GPO and GAO have a long history of collaborating to provide the Federal depository library community and the public with access to GAO materials. GPO looks forward to continuing this productive relationship with the new partnership.

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